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Adysen Thompson was named Miss NOC 2025 Tuesday night at the KPAC in Tonkawa. The following were the Miss NOC Contestants and special guests. Pictured (L-R): Adelina Valencia, Faith Oshiro, Gabryela Medoza Lara, Cristal Cain, Amberlynn Kelly, Miss NOC 2025

Adysen Thompson, Miss Oklahoma 2024 Lauren Frost, Miss NOC 2024 Star Harper Burrell, Miss NOC 2024 Jaidyn Burrell, Addison Polk, Madison Mandrigues, Jaclynn Heitman, Abby Davis. (photo by Shiloh Martin/NOC)



Adysen Thompson was crowned Miss NOC 2025 by Miss NOC 2024 Jaidyn Burrell. She was assisted by Miss Oklahoma 2024 Lauren Frost and Harper Burrell, the Miss NOC Star 2024. (photo by Shiloh Martin/NOC)



Northern Oklahoma College

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S

WRESTLING

RED
RIVER
RIVALRY

SOPHOMORE NIGHT
Saturday, November 23
2 pm weigh in / 4 pm Women's Dual
Men's Dual to Follow

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Adysen Thompson named Miss NOC

Adysen Thompson of Prague, Oklahoma, was crowned Miss NOC Tuesday night at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center.

She was crowned by Miss NOC 2024 Jaidyn Burrell.

Thompson, a freshman at NOC Stillwater received a \$1000 scholarship expense award, Miss America crown and pin, sash and a bouquet of long-stemmed red roses. She will advance to the Miss Oklahoma Scholarship Pageant in Tulsa next June.

Her talent was performing the monologue HERstory: From Pasture to Plate. Her community service initiative was “The Barn and Beyond: Cultivating Confidence through American Agriculture.”

First runner-up for Amberlynn Kelly from Ponca City. She received a \$600 scholarship expense award.

Second runner-up was Abby Davis of Tonkawa who received a \$400 scholarship expense award. The newly created People’s Choice winner was Addison Polk of Durant.

Other delegates in the Miss NOC Scholarship Competition were Madison Mandrigues of Kingston, Oklahoma; Cristal Cain of Blanchard, Oklahoma; Adelina Valencia of Sunnyside, Washington; Faith Oshiro of Enid, Oklahoma; Gabryela Mendoza Lara of Enid, Oklahoma; and Jaclynn Heitman of Ponca City, Oklahoma. Each received a \$250 tuition waiver participation award.

Candidates were judged in the talent competition as well as artistic expression, presence and poise in evening and exercise wear and an on-stage question. Earlier in the day they were individually interviewed by five judges.

Dr. Edward Dixon, NOC Fine Arts Division chair, served as master of ceremonies for the evening.

Miss Oklahoma 2024 Lauren Frost performed for the audience.

NOC President Diana Morris and Watkins and Miss NOC Program Director Shannon Varner, presented the official Miss NOC portrait to Burrell.

Distinguished Alumni named

Marcus Chapman, Dineo Heilmann, and Marshall Reigh have been chosen as the Northern Oklahoma College Distinguished Alumni for 2025.

The announcement was made by NOC Director of Alumni and Community Relations Kayla Wooderson. She stated, “On behalf of the Alumni Selection Committee, I’m excited to announce the 2025 Inductees and look forward to planning the Alumni Reunion activities.”

Chapman, NOC Class of 2002 and former Jet baseball player, is the Superintendent at Chisholm Public Schools. He resides in Enid, Oklahoma.

Heilmann, NOC Class of 1982 and NOC Fac-

ulty Emeritus as well as Former NOC Roustabouts Director is retired and currently lives in Red Rock, Oklahoma. He taught at NOC 31 years.

Reigh, NOC Class of 1999, is the Grant County Game Warden. He is resides in Medford, Oklahoma. He was recently named Oklahoma Game Warden of the Year.

The banquet will be held Saturday, March 29 at the Renfro Center. More event details will be announced in the new year.

The award recognizes the achievements of former students whose personal lives, professional

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Holiday concert at NOC Enid Dec. 4

Northern Oklahoma College Fine Arts is presenting a holiday concert at NOC Enid Dec. 4.

The concert will be held at the Bivins Chapel inside the Marshall Building on the Enid campus at 6:30 p.m.

The show is entitled “Festival of Angels: The Sacred Carols of Dan Forrest.” The show includes eight familiar sacred Christmas carols arranged in a musically fresh prospective arranged by Forrest.

Alumni

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achievements and community service exemplify the objectives of college.

A complete listing of Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Award recipients is located on the NOC website at www.noc.edu/alumni. More information about the 2025 inductees along with event tickets will be available in February.

For more information, please contact the alumni relations office at kayla.wooderson@noc.edu or 580.628.6473.

Life changing.



TL Walker spoke at NOC Enid Wednesday as part of Native American and Indigenous People presentation. She is pictured with NOC President Diana Morris Watkins. (photo by Shiloh Martin/NOC)

NOC Student Art of the Week



Leslee Richardson, Perry, OK (sophomore Art major)
“Geometric Banded Vessel” Coil-built stoneware with incising and glaze.

A large, stylized red floral pattern on a black background, featuring large leaves and smaller flowers.

Northern Oklahoma College

**FESTIVAL OF ANGELS:
THE SACRED CAROLS
of DAN FORREST**

A Holiday Concert

December 4, 2024 | 6:30 pm | Bivins Chapel
NOC Enid

The Northern Oklahoma College logo, featuring the letters "NOC" in a stylized font next to the text "NORTHERN Oklahoma College".

A red rectangular logo with the text "25 YEARS" in large white numbers and "NOC ENID" in smaller white text below it.



Wrestling donors and committee members were recognized at the NOC-Carl Albert dual last Saturday. The committee and donors helped re-establish the men's program and start the women's program.

NOC wrestling donors recognized

Northern Oklahoma College recognized wrestling donors and Wrestling Fundraising Committee members at Saturday's dual against Carl Albert.

The donors and committee members were instrumental in re-establishing the men's program and establishing the women's wrestling program.

NOC Vice President for Development & Community Relations and NOC Foundation Executive Director Sheri Snyder introduced the fund-raising committee and donors that made the wrestling programs possible.

Committee members include wrestling alum Todd Glasgow, Regent Brad Fox, Regent Michael Martin, NOC Foundation Trustee and former regent Jodi Cline, NOC Foundation Trustee Brad Purdy, Wrestling alum and former foundation trustee Ken Bellmard, NOC President Diana Morris Watkins, Vice President for Financial Affairs and Foundation Treasurer Anita Simpson, Vice President for Student Affairs Jason Johnson, Athletic Director Alan Foster, and Biological Science Instructor Dr. Kurt Campbell.

"We would like to take a moment to personally thank all those who have helped in our Fund-

raising Campaign, from volunteering your time, your service and your financial support," Snyder said. "Thanks to your generosity, we are here tonight with our first wrestling dual in over 40 years. I am pleased to announce that we raised nearly \$200,000 supporting the start-up goals. We are excited that there are so many generous individuals who are passionate about the sport of wrestling, and the student-athletes who will benefit from these new programs at NOC. The banner, which will be hung in the fieldhouse, represents the giving club levels of support with 79 individuals, families and businesses."

"It's wonderful to have the opportunity to recognize those responsible for making the dream of having wrestling at Northern a reality," said NOC President Diana Morris Watkins. "When the NOC Regents approved bringing back men's wrestling and introducing women's wrestling, it was with the caveat that external funds were used to start the programs, so without the support of the individuals and businesses listed on this banner, tonight's Battle of Oklahoma simply would not be happening."

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Yatika Starr Fields

NOC to dedicate Yatika Starr Fields’ murals at Dec. 11 celebration

Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa is hosting an artist reception for Yatika Starr Fields Wednesday, Dec. 11 at the Cultural Engagement Center inside the Pickens Learning Commons in the Vineyard Administration Building.

NOC is dedicating new murals created by Fields, the third set of murals created by the artist at NOC. The three sets of murals encompass over 5,000 square feet. They include mixed media art and are painted with spray paint and other forms of wet media.

All three sets of murals were commissioned by Northern Oklahoma College thanks to the generous donation from Hugh Pickens and the Pickens Museum

The Come-and-Go reception will be from 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. with remarks at 3:30 p.m.

“We are so excited to once again partner with Hugh Pickens to bring in the extremely talented artist Yatika Starr Fields,” said NOC President Diana Morris Watkins. “The Pickens Learning Commons and the Cultural Engagement Center provide our campus community with museum quality experiences right here in Tonkawa, Oklahoma, and we are grateful for friends like Mr. Pickens who generously assist in providing high-quality, accessible educational opportunities for NOC students.”

While attending the Art Institute of Boston from 2000 to 2004, Fields became interested in Graffiti aesthetics, which has been integral to his knowledge and process along with Landscape

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Fields

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painting- and continues to influence his large-scale projects and studio works. Fields is from Oklahoma and currently living and working in Tulsa in conjunction with the Tulsa Artist Fellowship. Fields has spent the last decade on the East Coast, New York City and most recently Seattle where the energy of urban life inspires and feeds the creative force in his artwork. He seeks to influence his viewers to rethink and reshape their relationships to the world around them.

His compositions are often spontaneous and left open for interpretation so that multiple stories can be drawn from them. His kaleidoscopic imagery, with its dynamic pop, symbolism and culture aesthetic, reference both historical and contemporary themes- tied together with traditional affinity but provoked by general concerns of world differences.

His canvasses and murals are alive with movement and filled with images that rely on vibrant colors and swirling patterns to build narratives that carry the eye.

The NOC Cultural Engagement Center (CEC), adjacent to the Pickens Learning Commons, was created through the federally funded U.S. Department of Education Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institution (NASNTI) grant. The CEC opened in 2017 and includes contemporary learning spaces where students, faculty, and/or tribal leaders can meet; individual study or collaborative projects can be conducted; culture-based learning activities and community/cultural events can be provided; professional development can be held; and small group or individual tutoring can occur.

NOC Faculty/Staff Birthdays



Elva Lara	Nov. 22	Terri Pearcy	Dec. 16
Summer McClure	Nov. 24	Britani Faulk	Dec. 17
Dee Cooper	Nov. 25	Patricia Lester	Dec. 17
Sheri Snyder	Dec. 4	Kerri Gray	Dec. 21
Diana Morris Watkins	Dec. 7	Kimberly Brewer	Dec. 21
Jerry Aldridge	Dec. 12	Marie Head	Dec. 21
Brandon Gossett	Dec. 12	Kevin Miller	Dec. 27
Troy Cochran	Dec. 15	Peggy Evans	Dec. 29

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NOC Calendar

Nov. 23

Home Jets Basketball vs. Allen (KS), 2 p.m.
Home Lady Jets Basketball vs. Navajo Technical College, 4 p.m.
Home Mavs and Lady Mavs Wrestling vs. Tarleton State, 4 p.m./6 p.m.

Nov. 25-29

Thanksgiving Break, No Classes/Offices Closed

Nov. 25

Away Mavs Basketball vs. Frank Phillips (TX), 5 p.m.
Away Lady Jets Basketball vs. Crowder (MO), 6 p.m.

Dec. 1

Residence Halls Open, noon

Dec. 2

Final Day to Withdraw from L8 Courses without Evaluation
Home Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Tabor JV, 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 3

Free Lunch, BCM, 11:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Tonkawa
The Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m., Enid
Planetarium Show, Mackie Planetarium, 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., Enid
Campus Wide Hide and Seek, Gazebo, 8 p.m., Tonkawa

Dec. 4

Free Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa
Free BCM Lunch, Gantz Center, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid
NOC Holiday Concert, Marshall Building Bivins Chapel, 6:30 p.m., Enid
Away Jets Basketball vs. Allen (KS), 7 p.m.
The Gathering, BCM, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

Dec. 5

Holiday Luncheon, Montgomery Hall, 11:30 a.m. – 1 :30 p.m., Enid

Dec. 6

Away Mavs Basketball vs. Midland College at Big Spring, TX, 5 p.m.
Home Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Grayson (TX), 5:30 p.m.
Away Mavs and Lady Mavs Wrestling at Southeastern Dual in Beatrice, NE, 6 p.m.
Home Lady Jets Basketball vs. Allen (KS), 6:30 p.m.

For additional information, visit the following links: [NOC Calendar](#)

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE FALL 2024 FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE
TONKAWA, ENID, AND STILLWATER

The location of the final exam is the regular meeting place of the class.

Monday December 9	Tuesday December 10	Wednesday December 11	Thursday December 12
If Course is MW 8:00am WF 8:00am MWF 8:30am EXAM is 8:00 am—9:50 am	If Course is TR 8:30 am TR 9:00 am EXAM is 8:00 am—9:50 am	If Course is MWF 9:30am M, MW 9:00am EXAM is 8:00 am —9:50 am	If Course is TR 7:30am TR 8:00am EXAM is 8:00am -9:50 am
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If Course is MW or MWF 1:30pm EXAM is 12:00 pm—1:50 pm	OPEN	If Course is MWF 10:30 am MW 10:30 am EXAM is 12:00 pm—1:50 pm	OPEN
If Course is MWF 2:30 pm,or MW 2:00pm EXAM is 2:00 pm—3:50 pm	If Course is TR 3:00pm EXAM is 2:00 pm—3:50 pm	If Course is MW 3:30pm EXAM is 2:00 pm-3:50 pm	If Course is TR 1:30pm EXAM is 2:00 pm-3:50 pm
If Course is M 4:30pm EXAM is 5:00 pm-6:50pm	If Course is TR 5:30pm EXAM is 5:00 pm-6:50pm	If Course is MW 5:30pm EXAM is 5:00 pm-6:50pm	If Course is TR 4:00pm, TR 4:30 pm EXAM is 5:00 pm-6:50pm
If Course is M 6:00 pm, M 6:30 pm M 7:00pm or MW 7:00pm EXAM is 7:00 pm-8:50 pm	If Course is T 7:00pm or TR 7:00 pm EXAM is 7:00 pm-8:50pm	If Course is W 7:00pm EXAM is 7:00 pm-8:50pm	If Course is R 7:00pm EXAM is 7:00 pm-8:50 pm